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AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the present title and replace it with "METHOD OF TREATING VIRAL HEPATITIS C BY ADMINISTRATION OF LIQUID HUMAN ALPHA-INTERFERON".

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claim 20 without prejudice.

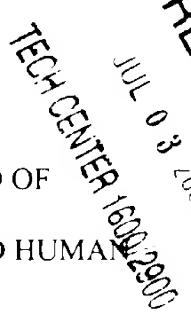
Please amend claim 7 to read as follows:

7. (three times amended) A method of treating a subject having type C viral hepatitis comprising administering, to the subject, by the peroral route, an oral liquid formulation of human α -interferon at a daily dosage of between 100 and 500 IU.

REMARKS

Claims 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 are pending. Claim 7 is amended to more particularly set forth the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. A version of claim showing revision is attached hereto pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Claim 20 is cancelled so as to put the application in order for allowance, and without prejudice to the prosecution of its subject matter in other patent applications. A "Clean Set" of pending claims is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner has objected to the title as not descriptive, and has rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph as indefinite, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as lacking novelty, and under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious. For reasons to be set forth in



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